Implementation of Sethu Samudram Canal Project

1950. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the answer to the Unstarred Question 3542 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th December, 1992 and state :

(a) the reasons for not implementing the Sethu Samudram Canal Project in spite of the recommendations of all the committees constituted by Government and continuous representations of the Tamil Nadu Government; and

(b) whether Government propose to approach the multinational companies which have experience in similar canal projects to take up this project in the private sector ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Due to financial constraints Sethu Samudram Canal Project has not been included in the 8th Plan.

(b) No, Sir.

रेड लाइन बसों में दिल्ली परिवहन निगम के पास

1951. **श्री राम नरेश यादव** : क्या **जल-भूतल परिवहन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार रेड लाइन बसों में दिल्ली परिवहन निगम के मासिक पास को अनुमति प्रदान करने पर विचार कर रही है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इन पासों को कब तक अनुमति प्रदान किये जाने की संभावना है; और ।

(ग) भविष्य में बढ़ती हुई यात्री संख्या की आवश्यकताओं को पूरा करने के लिये दिल्ली परिवहन निगम की कितनी बसें चलाई जायेंगी ?

जल भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) आर्थिक तंगी के कारण दिल्ली परिवहन निगम के बेड़े में वृद्धि करने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।

Development of Roads in Madhya Pradesh during 8th Plan

1952. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the total outlay fixed for National Highways during Eighth Plan;

(b) the amount out of above that is proposed to be spent in Madhya Pradesh in the above plan period; and

(c) the details of steps taken to complete the incomplete State roads in Madhya Pradesh which were started in the Central sector ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) An outlay of Rs. 2460.00 crores has been earmarked for developments of National Highways during the Eighth Plan.

(b) It is not possible to indicate the amount proposed to be spent in the Plan period in Madhya Pradesh as it would depend upon the actual allocation of funds year to year.

(c) As Government of India are primarily responsible only for roads declared as National Highways, the question of completing the incomplete State roads in Madhya Pradesh in the Central Sector does not arise.

Recommendations of National Road Safety Council

1953. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Road Safety Council has set a target to bring down the

number of fatalities in road accidents in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Council had made several recommendations for implementation;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when all the recommendations are likely to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) to (e) The National Road Safety Council has not so far set any target to bring down the fatalities in road accidents in the country. However, a draft of a National Road Safety Policy, aimed at to bring down the number of fatalities in road accidents to 25,000 by the year 2001 A.D., was placed before the National Road Safety Council, at its meeting held on 21st January, 1993 in New Delhi. After discussions, the Council recommended setting up of a 9-Member expert group which would in the light of the discussions/suggestions made at the National Road Safety Council Meeting and after receiving further suggestions from State Governments/National Road Safety Council Members, finalise the draft Road Safety Policy paper. The expert group has been set up and has been asked to submit its report within a period of three months. The group is to submits report to a Sub-Committee of the National Road Safety Council set up under the Chairmanship of Minister of State for Surface Transport which would finalise the same for consideration and adoption at a special meeting of the National Road Safety Council, later this year.

Fleet of Tankers with Shipping Corporation of India

1954. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total tankers fleet with the Shipping Corporation of India and how many of these tankers are over fifteen years and the number of crude carriers which are over 10 years old; and

(b) what plans have been formulated by Government to replace the old ageing tankers and crude carriers in a phased manner keeping in view the rising demand for sea worthy vessels ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) The Shipping Corporation of India has 39 vessels in its tankers fleet. 8 tankers out of these are over fifteen years old and 14 crude carriers are over ten years old, including 10 which are more than fifteen years old.

(b) During 8th Plan period the Shipping Corporation of India has formulated plans to replace 16 old ageing tankers.

Allocation of funds for development of National Highways during 8th Plan

1955. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of the Projects sent by the State Governments for the development and improvement of National Highways in the country during the Eighth Plan, State-wise; and

(b) the details of the projects sanctioned by the Union Government and the funds provided to each State Government stating the time by which the funds would be allocated ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b) Proposals for the development and improvement of National Highways involving an estimated cost of Rs. 13349.64 crore during the 8th Plan have been received from the States as detailed in the Appendix. Details of projects sanctioned during 1992-93 (upto January, 93) and funds allocated for these works as well as continuing works are also given in the Statement attached.